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To

Mr. William Brewster

Cambridge Mass.,

Dear Sir.

Your letter recd. and I am very much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken. If the eggs are not Homing Pigeons I think they are Passenger Pigeon as the size of them in my opinion alone puts the thought that they might be doves to flight at once for the average size of eight eggs is 1.46 inches x 1.11 inches while the size of the doves eggs is about 1.07 inches x .83 inches and then again I have seen some of them (the birds) enough times to be

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sure they are not Mourning Doves.
I have quite a number of Doves
eggs in my collection and and
they vary very little in size
and they surely would not vary
.30 on a rock. I hope you will
not consider it too much trouble
to answer this when convenient-

Yours truly yours
A. E. Homes
Stamford
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Please send me

To
Mr. William Brewster,
Dear Sir, I enclose a letter from
Mr. Webb of the Museum, about
the article in the August
no of that paper about the
Passenger Pigeon in Conn.
I desired to exchange some
of the eggs with him and
of course he wants to find
out if they are what I represent them to be. By refer-
ring to his letter he speaks
of comments from R. I. and
that very likely they are
homing pigeons. The only
way I have to tell what they

are, are the observations and notes taken ~~for~~ the last two years. I have repeatedly seen the birds and I will give a description of them first:
above rich blueish black with metallic reflections back in center brownish ~~f~~ underneath vinaceous belly white middle of upper tail part of tail slaty black and edges of tail shading from black to blueish to white
Second.
Same but with very little of metallic reflection breast greyish washed with pale brown

Only once I have seen a bird of the first description on a nest but always one of the second. If you could throw any light on the subject- I and Mr. Webb will be truly indebted to you

Yours truly
A. G. Howes
Stamford
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